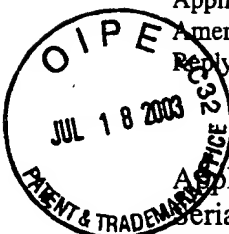


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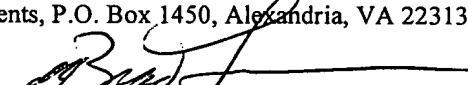
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A three month extension of time, to and including July 16, 2003, is requested for response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$930.00 is enclosed for the extension of time petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficit to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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